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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a self-employed individual working from home, possibly like many other people in San Francisco. I live about the furthest one can from the AT&T hub and for years had the WORST internet speeds and experience. Added to this, there was NO competition, which meant that AT&T really made me pay through the nose for any internet speed.

When my current provider SONIC came along and provided DSL at a lower cost, along with better speed and much better customer service, I was delighted. I asked them several times when Gigabit fiber would be available and finally that was on offer and I switched as quickly as I could. Conducting business since has been much less stressful.

Now I understand that the parts of the system which allow SONIC to provide me their excellent service is yet again under attack as AT&T tries to shut down competition.

Please DO NOT allow this - it will impact my business costs as I get my business telephone line and broadband through SONIC and the competitive pricing is crucial to keeping costs low. Stop allowing monopolists like AT&T to dictate the greed level of businesses in this country and keep competition, and pricing along with it, low and fair.

Sincerely.

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